

CLAIMS

1. A golf club rack that can be mounted on existing fender holes in the side of a motorcycle fender comprising:

a mounting plate removably mounted on the fender by fasteners that extend through spaced mounting holes therein that mate with the existing fender mounting holes in the motorcycle;

a mounting block mounted on the mounting plate, the mounting block extending outwardly from the mounting plate and having a mounting hole extending downwardly in the mounting block;

a cradle for carrying elongated cargo such as golf clubs, the cradle having a bottom and upwardly extending sides that enclose at least a part of the sides of the cradle, such that elongated cargo can rest on the bottom and can be constrained in an upward position by the sides;

a mounting bracket on an inner side of the cradle, the mounting bracket having a hole extending downwardly therethrough that can be positioned to mate with the downward opening in the mounting block on the mounting plate; and

a cradle fastener that engages the mating openings in the mounting block and mounting bracket to removably secure the cradle to the mounting block on the motorcycle, the cradle being removable by removing the cradle fastener.

2. A golf club rack as in claim 1 wherein the mounting plate has a recess therein that fits over an outwardly extending tail light supporting arm that is mounted on the motorcycle fender.

3. A golf club rack as in claim 1 wherein the mounting bracket is mounted at an inclined angle with respect to the sides of the cradle, such that the cradle is inclined inwardly from bottom to top when mounted on the motorcycle.

4. A golf club rack as in claim 3 wherein the cradle, when mounted on a motorcycle, is inclined inwardly by about 30° with respect to the motorcycle.

5. A golf club rack as in claim 1 wherein the mounting plate has spaced holes that mate with existing fender mounting holes in a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

6. A golf club rack as in claim 5 wherein the mounting plate has a recess therein that fits over a mounting arm for an original equipment fender mounted tail light mounting arm on a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

7. A golf club rack as in claim 6 wherein the mounting plate is formed to be mountable on a Harley Davidson Sportster or a Dyna model motorcycle.

8. A golf club rack as in claim 5 wherein the mounting plate is formed to be mountable in existing fender mounting holes in a Harley Davidson Softail model motorcycle.

9. A golf club rack as in claim 1 and further comprising fasteners for fastening the mounting plate in the existing fender mounting holes, the fasteners being longer than original

equipment fasteners designed to be received in the fender mounting holes, such that the fasteners can accommodate the extra thickness of the mounting plate for the golf club rack.

10. A golf club rack as in claim 1 wherein the sides comprise a plurality of spaced longitudinal rods extending upwardly from the periphery of the base of the cradle, the rods being connected together by connecting members at upper positions thereon, the elongated cargo fitting inside the rods and being constrained by the rods and connecting members to remain in an upright position.

11. A golf club rack as in claim 10 wherein the rods are spaced apart at an outer side thereof such that a golf bag can be inserted sideways into the cradle, the cradle further having a releasable retaining strap that can be fastened over mounted cargo between the spaced apart rods in order to hold the mounted cargo in the cradle.

12. A golf club rack as in claim 1 wherein the mounting block hole is threaded such that the cradle can be mounted to the motorcycle by threading a single bolt through the hole of the cradle mounting plate and into the threaded hole in the mounting block.

13. A rack for carrying elongated cargo on the side of a motorcycle comprising:
a mounting plate bolted to the side of a rear fender of the motorcycle;
a cradle comprising a bottom and sides extending upwardly from the bottom so as to define an interior compartment for elongated cargo; and
a releasable mounting mechanism interconnecting the cradle with the mounting plate.

14. A rack as in claim 13 wherein the mounting mechanism holds the cradle in an inwardly inclined position when mounted on the fender.

15. A rack as in claim 13 wherein the mounting mechanism comprises a mounting plate on the cradle that engages and rests on a mounting block on the mounting plate, with the mounting plate and mounting block having mating openings therein and being held together by a fastener that extends through the openings.

16. A rack as in claim 13 wherein the cradle sides comprise upwardly extending, spaced rods that are connected together by connector straps at a position spaced away from the bottom, the rods defining the perimeter of a cargo compartment in the cradle.